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1. Some slight amendments were made by the Constitution Committee at the meeting held on 27 September 1948. The draft constitution is now approved and is being printed at Leipzig.
2. The Volksrat is to be convoked on 1 October 1948 to approve the constitution. Towards the end of October the Volksrat will request the Volkskongress to ratify it.
3. The original plan was for the Volkskongress then to ratify the Volksrat as the government and at the same time to request the SVA to give its approval for the establishment of the German Republic.
4. Tyulpanov has now decided, however, that the Peasant's Party and the National Democratic Party must be represented in the Volksrat but that the total representation must not exceed 400 members. This may necessitate an "election" and has caused annoyance to the SED.
5. Declaration of the eastern German independent state has now been set for January 1949, Otto Grotewohl will be the first minister-president.

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